BIOLOGY · NEW MEXICO

Biology
Practice Test

Unit 4: Ecology and Ecosystems

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the New Mexico curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

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Question 1

An ecosystem includes all the living organisms in an area plus the

A) Nonliving factors

B) Producers only

C) Predators only

D) Decomposers only

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Question 2

A biotic factor in an ecosystem is a

A) Rock

B) Living organism

C) Temperature

D) Rainfall

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Question 3

An abiotic factor in an ecosystem is

A) A tree

B) A bacterium

C) Soil

D) A deer

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Question 4

A population is best defined as all the members of one species in a

A) Food chain

B) Cell

C) Biome

D) Particular area

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Question 5

A community is made up of all the populations of different species living in a

A) Particular area

B) Single cell

C) Food web

D) Single habitat

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Question 6

An organism niche is its

A) Address

B) Role in its ecosystem

C) Population size

D) Food source only

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Question 7

Producers in most ecosystems make their own food by

A) Eating animals

B) Decomposing waste

C) Photosynthesis

D) Hunting

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Question 8

Decomposers help an ecosystem by

A) Making food from sunlight

B) Eating live prey

C) Hunting predators

D) Breaking down dead matter

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Question 9

In a food chain energy flows from

A) Consumers to producers

B) Producers to consumers

C) Decomposers to producers

D) Predators to prey

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Question 10

About how much energy is typically transferred from one trophic level to the next

A) 10 percent

B) 50 percent

C) 90 percent

D) 100 percent

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Question 11

If producers contain 10000 kilocalories of energy about how many kilocalories reach primary consumers

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Question 12

Competition occurs when two organisms need the same

A) Predator

B) Limited resource

C) Offspring

D) Climate

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Question 13

In mutualism both species in the relationship

A) Benefit

B) Are harmed

C) Are unaffected

D) Compete

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Question 14

In commensalism one species benefits and the other species is

A) Harmed

B) Also benefited

C) Unaffected

D) Eaten

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Question 15

In parasitism the parasite benefits and the host is

A) Unaffected

B) Also benefited

C) Harmed

D) Unchanged

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Question 16

Carrying capacity is the largest population an environment can support over a

A) Day

B) Week

C) Long period

D) Single season

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Question 17

A limiting factor is a factor that limits the

A) Size of a population

B) Age of a species

C) Color of an organism

D) Speed of an organism

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Question 18

Primary succession begins on newly exposed rock or land with no

A) Sunlight

B) Soil

C) Air

D) Water

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Question 19

Pioneer species such as lichens are important in primary succession because they help

A) Form soil

B) Remove sunlight

C) Eat trees

D) Stop rain

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Question 20

Secondary succession occurs after a disturbance in an area that still has

A) No life

B) Soil

C) No water

D) No air

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Question 21

In the carbon cycle plants remove carbon dioxide from the air by

A) Respiration

B) Photosynthesis

C) Decomposition

D) Combustion

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Question 22

Nitrogen fixing bacteria convert nitrogen gas from the air into forms that plants can

A) Breathe

B) Use

C) Ignore

D) Store as gas

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Question 23

A keystone species has a large effect on its ecosystem relative to its

A) Size

B) Age

C) Abundance

D) Color

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Question 24

Salt cedar spreading along a New Mexico river is an example of an

A) Endangered species

B) Invasive species

C) Producer

D) Decomposer

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Question 25

If a population of 200 animals grows by 10 percent in a year how many animals are added

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. C
8. D
9. B
10. A
11. 1000
12. B
13. A
14. C
15. C
16. C
17. A
18. B
19. A
20. B
21. B
22. B
23. C
24. B
25. 20

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